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APPLICANTS: Farmer  
ASSIGNEE: Ganeden Biotech, Inc.  
SERIAL NUMBER: 09/369,016 EXAMINER: I. Marx  
FILING DATE: August 5, 1999 ART UNIT: 1651  
FOR: METHODS FOR INCREASING THE SOLUBILITY OF ESSENTIAL VITAMINS &  
MINERALS IN MAMMALS USING PROBIOTIC LACTIC ACID-PRODUCING  
BACTERIA, SYSTEMS, AND COMPOSITIONS

November 14, 2003  
Boston, Massachusetts

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a three (3) month extension of time to respond to the final Office Action in the above-identified application, mailed May 14, 2003. With the enclosed Petition, the Response is due on or before November 14, 2003. Applicants enclose a check number 17553 in the amount of \$475.00, in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3).

Applicants authorize the Commissioner to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Reference No. 19374-504; GND-4). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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